



*Bishop Rickey T. Washington Sr. & Pastor Lesia Washington*

## **Biography**

### ***Bishop Rickey T. Washington, Sr.***

Bishop Rickey Terrell Washington, Sr., is a modern-day Timothy, Joshua and Moses. Like Timothy and Joshua he has served his leaders faithfully and wholeheartedly. Like Moses, he has been called and chosen of God to lead and serve God's people. He has a servant's heart, willing to help anyone in need. He is a man of action therefore; he is a man of faith!

Bishop Rickey Washington committed his life to Christ at the age of 12, later being baptized with water, the Holy Ghost and fire. His servant's heart includes an impressive list of commitments and diligent labor in the local church; he is a coordinator of various events, tours, workshops, men's conferences and youth conferences. He has also served as choir director, deacon, and teacher/lecturer for numerous seminars and workshops.

Realizing the call on his life and his mission to preach the Gospel, he travels extensively in and around surrounding areas to reach the lost. Bishop Washington has a word in his mouth for the end time, declaring to men, women, boys and girls everywhere "Ye are a chosen generation..." (I Peter 2:9). His travels include: the Continental United States, Jamaica, England, Spain and Africa.

To add to his busy lifestyle, Bishop Washington is the founder of Higher Ground Outreach Ministries and Higher Ground Entertainment. Higher Ground Entertainment introduces gospel artists and preachers to area churches, Bishop Washington has had the honor of highlighting of John P. Kee, Daryl Coley, Yolanda Adams, Carlton Pearson, Vicki Winans, Vanessa Bell-Armstrong, Donnie McClurken, Beverly Crawford, Harold Rayborn, Uneek, Lisa Page-Brooks, Witness, Dr. Rance Allen, Dr. Marvin Sapp and many others. He is the CEO of Rickey Washington Management and Entertainment Inc., a company that offers promoting, consulting and artist management and Rickey Washington Ministries, Inc.

Bishop Washington was licensed and ordained on August 29, 1999 as the Senior Pastor and Founder of Higher Ground Outreach Ministries, Inc. But his experience places him far beyond his of pastoral service. He is affiliated with WAFI (World Assemblies Fellowship International) in Tampa, FL, under the leadership of the Presiding Prelate Bishop M. B. Jefferson. He serves alongside his wife Pastor Lesia Washington.

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I Timothy 4:12 encourages us to give attendance to reading, exhortation and doctrine. To neglect not the gift that is in thee, which was given thee by prophecy with the laying on of the hands of the Presbytery. Truly he is a gift of God, a business man, father, a husband and friend.

Bishop Washington is married to his “first lady”, Pastor Lesia Ward Washington, and through this union three children were born: Domonique Shantell, Richelle Nicole and Rickey Terrell II. They have been married for 23 years and have walked together not only in marriage, but also in ministry as one. He is the proud grandfather of Kameron Terrell Bowie.